

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 7/21/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Andrea M. Montes, Utilities Program Manager (805) 781-1046	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a Mutual Assistance Agreement for the County of San Luis Obispo participation in the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN). All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and sign the attached California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) Mutual Assistance Agreement for water and wastewater support services.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

Reference: 15JUL21-C-10

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Andrea M. Montes, Utilities Program Manager

Dean Benedix, Utilities Division Manager

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 7/21/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and sign the attached California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) Mutual Assistance Agreement for water and wastewater support services.

DISCUSSION

The mission of CalWARN is to “support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual assistance processes for public and private water and wastewater utilities.” The CalWARN Program provides its participating members with:

- A standard omnibus mutual assistance agreement and process for sharing emergency resources among members statewide.
- The resources to respond and recover more quickly from a disaster.
- A mutual assistance program consistent with other statewide mutual aid programs, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- A forum for developing and maintaining emergency contacts and relationships.
- New ideas from lessons learned in disasters.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Public Works staff has discussed the CalWARN Program and benefits with the County Emergency Services Manager and Risk Management staff. All parties support County participation in this Statewide program. County Counsel has reviewed the attached Articles of Agreement.

In addition to numerous Santa Barbara County water and wastewater utilities who currently participate in the CalWARN Program, participating San Luis Obispo County water and wastewater utilities include:

- Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC)
- Avila Beach Community Services District
- California Cities Water Company (Golden State Water Company)
- City of Arroyo Grande
- City of San Luis Obispo
- Nipomo Community Services District
- Oceano Community Services District
- South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost to become a CalWARN member. While the County will have the ability to request assistance, it is not obligated to respond to requests. The execution of this Agreement does not hold the County liable for failing to provide assistance.

RESULTS

Participating in CalWARN will provide an ongoing opportunity for the County to obtain cooperative emergency assistance and provide the same to other participating agencies in the areas of water and wastewater operations under an established structured organizational format. This will contribute to the County's goals of providing a safe, healthy, livable and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. County of San Luis Obispo Articles of Agreement